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Applicants: Barton, et al
Serial No.: 07/827,906
Filed: 01/30/92
For: Improved Expression of
Genes in Plants
Accorded benefit: U.S. Serial
No. 07/390,561, filed 08/07/89

The case referred to above has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with other cases hereafter specified. Attention is directed to the fact that this interference is declared pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.601 et seq., effective April 21, 1995 (60 F.R. 14488, 1173 O.G. 384). The interference is designated as No. 103,781.

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For: Synthetic Insecticidal Crystal Protein Gene

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Count 1


A method of designing a synthetic *Bacillus thuringiensis* gene to be more highly expressed in plants, comprising the steps of:

a) analyzing the coding sequence of a gene derived from a *Bacillus thuringiensis* which encodes an insecticidal protein toxin, and modifying a portion of said coding sequence to yield a modified sequence which contains a greater number of codons preferred by the intended plant host than did said coding sequence, or

b) analyzing the coding sequence of a gene derived from a *Bacillus thuringiensis* which encodes an insecticidal protein toxin, and modifying a portion of said coding sequence to yield a modified sequence which contains a greater number of codons preferred by the intended plant host than did said coding sequence and fewer plant polyadenylation signals than said coding sequence.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count are:

Barton et al: Claims 1-4, 7, and 15-22
Fischhoff et al: Claims 3, 5, and 39-43
Adang et al: Claims 1-14



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FINAL DECISION

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Court, _____ Dated, _____

REMARKS

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